

# 2015 Performance Review for the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services



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# OJA Mission Statement

The Office of Juvenile Affairs is a state agency entrusted by the people of Oklahoma to provide professional prevention, education, and treatment services as well as secure facilities for juveniles in order to promote public safety and reduce juvenile delinquency.

# Juvenile Programs and Services

- Community Probation
- Level D and E Group Homes
- Regional Detention
- Specialized Community Homes
- Graduated Sanctions
- Therapeutic Foster Homes
- Prevention Services
- Shelter Services
- First Time Offender Program
- Juvenile Institutions
- Mental Health Evaluations

# Juvenile Services Division

The Juvenile Services Unit (JSU) provides intake, probation and parole services to juveniles in all seventy-seven counties, except for those with duly constituted Juvenile Bureaus. JSU only provides parole services in those counties. The Juvenile Bureaus are located in Canadian, Comanche, Oklahoma and Tulsa counties. Services provided to juvenile offenders are balanced with prevention, education, accountability and treatment to ensure public safety. A full continuum of services is provided to encourage and enhance positive, law-abiding behavior. Often times, JSU staff are called on as expert witnesses when testifying before the courts on juvenile matters.

- 8 Districts across the state
- 15 Level E Group Homes across the state with a total of 232 beds
- 17 Detention Centers across the state with total of 309 beds

# Juvenile Services Division

- 14,009 Total Referrals in 2014
- 9,900 Total Juveniles Served
- 6,295 First Time Juveniles
- 1,243 Violent Crime Juveniles

# Chief Psychologist and Mobile Diagnostic Evaluation Team

Ryan C. Jones, Ph.D., the chief psychologist, is a licensed psychologist with health service provider certification. He provides consultation to the agency in multiple capacities. Dr. Jones regularly testifies in court proceedings regarding certification procedures. He provides training throughout the state for employees and contractors and he represents OJA in multi-agency committees. He also supervises a team of graduate students to provide comprehensive psychological evaluations throughout the state.

- 11 Carl Albert Public Internship-Executive Fellows, who are graduate students from universities across Oklahoma.
  - 6 Executive Fellows from Northeastern State University
  - 4 Executive Fellows from Oklahoma State University
  - 1 Executive Fellows from University of Oklahoma
- Conducted approximately 300 comprehensive psychological evaluations on OJA youth
- Provided courts across the state with approximately 40 certification evaluations

# Community Based Programs

The Community-Based Youth Services (CBYS) Division maintains and monitors contracts with a comprehensive network of 42 Designated Youth Service agencies who provide prevention and diversion services available in all 77 counties. The core services provided under these contracts are comprised of; the First-Time Offender Program, Outreach Counseling, School-based Prevention, and Diversion services, CARS services, and Emergency Youth Shelter services for youth in out-of-home care.

- 42 agencies provide Community Prevention and Diversion Services through school-based counseling services, community presentations, and counseling services
- 32 Emergency Shelters for children

# Community Based Programs – Outreach Services, FTOP & CARS

## Outreach Services

- 5,522 youth served in the program
- 79,324 hours of service

## FTOP - First Time Offender Program

- 2605 youth served in the program
- 23,886 hours of service

## CARS - Community At Risk Services

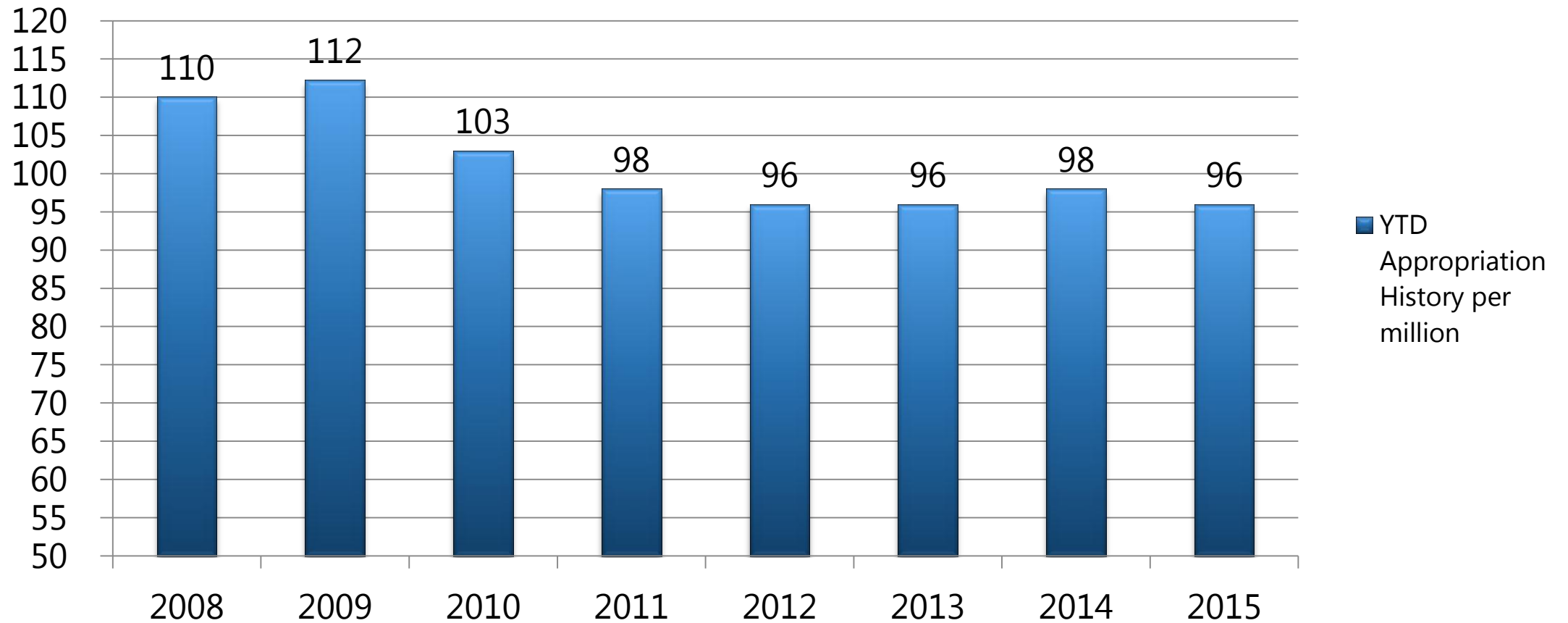
- Population includes youth in custody, on probation or informal adjustment
- 1872 youth served in the program
- 37,908 hours of service



# Community Based Programs -Shelters

- 32 Emergency Shelters for children
- 17 Shelter Homes in 2014
- 2,131 Youth were admitted to shelters in 2014

# YTD State Appropriations History



# OJA Funding Sources

▶ FY-2015 Funding by Source

◦ Appropriations	\$96,499,033
◦ Federal	\$15,553,582
◦ Revolving	\$ 2,846,049
◦ Carry-Over	\$ 813,413

**Total** \$115,712,077

# Southern Plains Secure Services (Norman)



In September of 2013 OJA established a medium secure facility to address the gender specific needs of the female juvenile population. Nationally, most programs do not house boys and girls together. Studies consistently show that female offenders have higher rates of mental illness combined with high rates of trauma and abuse. These issues require gender-specific programming to best address them. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention recommend that programs for females should be all female. The decision to establish an all-female medium secure facility has shown positive results. Staff and youth assaults have declined and female residents are working the treatment program at a faster rate than before.

## SPSS provides:

- 22 – Bed Medium Secure Program for Females

## Personnel provide the following services in the treatment programs:

- High School Classes through the Norman Public School
- GED Preparation
- Chemical Dependency Groups using Cognitive Behavior Therapy
- Individual Therapy
- Issues Group
- Anger Management Group
- Social Skills Group
- AA/NA Groups

# Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (Tecumseh)



COJC was built in 1917 as the Oklahoma State Industrial School for Incurable Girls and has gone through many transformations over the years . The Office of Juvenile Affairs took possession of the facility in 1995 and has operated it as Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center. COJC is a medium secure facility that includes 15-beds dedicated to male sex offenders.

## COJC provides:

➤ 80 – Bed Medium Secure Program for Males with an Intensive Drug and Alcohol Program

## Personnel provide the following services in the treatment programs:

- High School classes through the Tecumseh Public School
- Conduct Disorder Group Using Cognitive Behavior Therapy
- Anger Management
- Chemical Dependency
- Sexual Offender Groups
- Youthful Offender Groups
- Life Skills
- Survivors Groups
- Family Therapy
- Individual Therapy
- AA/NA Groups
- GED Preparation

# Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center (Manitou)



Built in 1952 as an elementary through senior high school. The first resident admissions occurred on August 5, 1996. SWOJC is a facility using four units on 7 acres.

## SWOJC provides:

➤ 64 – Bed Medium Secure Program for Males.

## Personnel provide the following services in the treatment programs:

- High School Classes through the Tipton Public School
- Technology Center Program through the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education
- GED Preparation
- Chemical Dependency Groups using Cognitive Behavior Therapy
- Sex Offender Group Therapy
- Individual Therapy
- Issues Group
- Anger Management Group
- Social Skills Group
- AA/NA Groups

# Profile of a Secure Care Resident (as of December 31, 2014)

- Age at Admission : 15.75
- Average Legal Status: Delinquent - 59.09%, Youthful Offender – 40.90%
- Average Length of Stay : 439 Days
- Average Number of Felony Adjudications : 4 per youth

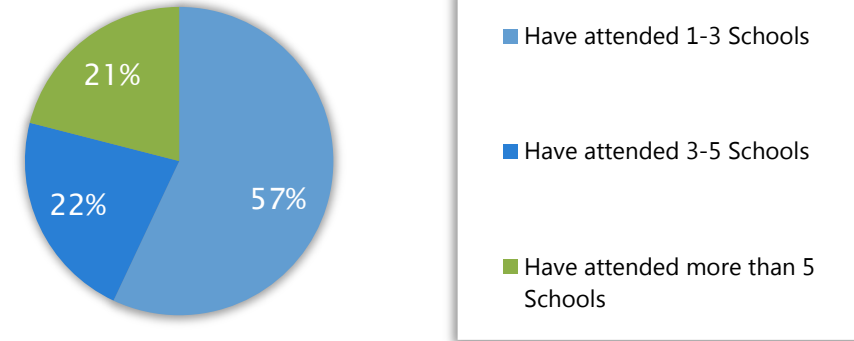
Adjudication Characteristics	Number of Adjudications
Crimes Against Person	383
Crimes Against Person – Sex Crimes	49
Drug/Alcohol	71
Crimes with Weapon	36

# OJA Youth Educational History

In June 2013, Student Demographics Report provided the following information on students prior to being enrolled in OJA education:

- 100%** of the students have been suspended from school.
- 91%** of the students interviewed had been suspended more than once.
- 58%** of the students have been suspended more than five times.
- 65%** of the students have been expelled from school.
- 53%** of the students have been expelled for the entire year.
- 47%** of the students have been suspended for part or all of the year.
- 16%** of the students have not attended a regular school for 2 years or more.
- 21%** have not attended a regular school for 1 to 2 years.
- 31%** have not attended a regular school for 6 months to 1 year.
- 95%** of those attending had never attempted an End of Instruction Test.
- 37%** had previously dropped out of school.
- 13%** of the students enrolled have been suspended for weapons related violations.
- 64%** had been suspended for violence (fighting).
- 13%** of OJA students had been suspended for threatening or assaulting a teacher, administrator or school staff.
- Historically, **35%** or more are special needs students.

## Since 7th Grade Level



## Expelled from School

